

Statement by Denmark
Second draft of the Global Compact on Refugees
Agenda item 2:
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Thank you Chair,

- Denmark aligns itself with the statement on behalf of the EU and its member states.
- The revised approach to the overall architecture for burden- and responsibility sharing has been improved significantly, especially in respect of the Global Refugee Forum and national arrangements. Nevertheless, some questions remain.
- First, with respect to para 18, it would seem important to ensure that the Global Refugee Forum reflects the truly comprehensive nature of the GCR. This could call for the involvement of the UN Secretary General, possibly as co-convenor, along with a strong representation by multilateral and bilateral development actors.
- Secondly, we very much welcome the stronger emphasis on national leadership in para 21. In line with this, we think that the call for international solidarity and responsibility-sharing should be activated by host governments, working together with a broad range of bilateral and multilateral actors, including UNHCR, when setting up appropriate arrangements, including platforms as relevant.
- Third, we concur with the proposed option for a solidarity conference. However, we call for strong involvement of the Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator to ensure coordination with broader efforts reaching across the humanitarian and development communities, to avoid duplication of other pledging efforts.
- The reference to humanitarian funding in para 33 is important. However, it would be useful with two additions; first, it ought to refer to all the four humanitarian principles, incl. independence, as a precondition for ensuring that no one is left behind; secondly, it should note that within this framework, efforts will be made to ensure coherence with the aims and objectives of national development plans.

- We very much welcome the wording with respect to development action. By now, it is widely recognized that the response to displacement requires a New Way of Working as a basis for far more coherent approaches that can ensure crucial financial additionality and a continuing focus on solutions.

- Allow me to mention that Denmark in addition to our un-earmarked humanitarian funding for UNHCR has taken precisely this approach in, for instance, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Afghanistan: These countries have demonstrated an impressive willingness to develop new and improved approaches to the challenges of forced displacement – and such measures deserve our support. Broader adoption of such action across member states – in line with the CRRF – would allow us to truly improve prospects for refugees across the world and for the communities which host them.

- Thank you.